Air services to Srinagar

*556. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air traffic from Delhi to Srinagar has increased substantially resulting into wait-listed tickets in the Indian Airlines upto June, 2006; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Indian Airlines to operate additional flights from Delhi to Srinagar and *vice-versa* in the months of May and June, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There has been an increase in demand for seats from Delhi to Srinagar in the current summer season resulting in waitlisted tickets in Economy class till June, 2006 and till May, 2006 in Executive class. Subject to availability of resources, Indian Airlines is endeavouring to operate additional adhoc flights between Delhi and Srinagar to cater to the demand. One additional flight has already been operated on 14.5.2006 on the Delhi-Srinagar-Delhi sector.

Rise in per capita indebtedness

*557. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of rising per capita indebtedness in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the credit trends in last three years, sector-wise;

(d) what is the current ratio between per capita indebtedness and per capita income and whether such a ratio is sustainable;

(e) whether the steep rise in housing loans also include the borrowings under Government sponsored housing schemes for weaker sections in the urban and rural areas, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the trends in the housing loans in rural and urban areas respectively?